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EXAMINER:

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INVENTION: **CLEANSING PROCESSING AGENT, CLEANSING METHOD
EMPLOYING THE AGENT AND A MOLDED STRUCTURAL
MEMBER**

AMENDMENT B

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The Final Office Action dated April 10, 2001 has been received and duly noted. Attached hereto is a petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$390, the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) for the two-month extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. In response to the Final Office Action, Applicant states as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

10. (twice amended) A cleansing method comprising:

providing a cleansing processing agent, said cleansing processing agent comprising a polymer having acrylonitrile and at least one of styrene and conjugate diene as constituent unit and into which are introduced hydrophilic groups by adding an acid or an alkali to the polymer and said polymer being a waste material;

bringing the cleansing processing agent into contact with a material to be cleansed;
and adsorbing substances contained in said material.